

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

Recommendations (9) adopted at the
Tenth Consultative Meeting
Washington September 17 – October 5, 1979

Effective date *: April 8, 1987 for X-2 through X-8
November 16, 1989 X-1 and X-9

State	Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America **
Argentina	June 23, 1981
Australia	September 1, 1980
Belgium	May 26, 1981
Brazil	May 22, 1987 ² May 22, 1989 ⁶
Chile	June 24, 1981
China	Dec. 17, 1987
Czech Rep.	April 23, 2014 ¹⁰
France	June 3, 1985 ¹ Nov. 16, 1989 ⁷
Germany ⁸	August 4, 1983
India	March 7, 1988 ⁵
Italy	April 22, 1987 ³
Japan	May 26, 1981
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995

* Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty provides that recommended measures "shall become effective when approved by all the Contracting Parties whose representatives were entitled to participate in the meetings held to consider those measures."

** The date of the Government's approval is considered to be the date of that Government's notification of such approval to other Governments, unless stated otherwise therein. If the notification states that the Government had approved the Recommendations on an earlier date, that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

Netherlands	September 29, 2003 ⁹
New Zealand	June 4, 1981
Norway	May 28, 1982
Poland	June 15, 1981
Russian Federation	June 3, 1982
South Africa	December 29, 1980
Spain	April 8, 1988 ¹
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	April 8, 1987
United States of America	June 29, 1981
Uruguay	October 10, 1989

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1. Approval of Recommendations X-2 through X-8.
 2. Except X-1 and X-7.
 3. Except X-1 and X-9.
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 6. X-1 and X-7.
 7. X-1 and X-9.
 8. Prior to unification, the German Democratic Republic approved all the recommendations of the Tenth Meeting on August 23, 1988.
 9. For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The notification includes the following: "With reference to Decision 3 of ATCM XXV, the recommendations/measures which have become obsolete (listed in Annex A of this Decision) [Recommendation X-9] do not require further action by the Parties and as a consequence do not need approval."

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

"With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

“These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

“The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting ‘the Caribbean part of the Netherlands’. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements.”

10. Approval is for Recommendations 1-3 and 8 only.

Department of State,

Washington, April 3, 2015.